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A copy of each document is included for the express purpose of providing the Patent and Trademark Office with ample opportunity to evaluate the same and arrive at an independent assessment of the materiality of each, if any, to the examination of the above-identified application.

In reviewing the enclosed copies of the above documents, the Examiner is instructed to ignore any underscoring or highlighting which may have been done because such markings may or may not have any relationship to the subject matter of the above-identified application. The copies being submitted with this Information Disclosure Statement are the best copies available at this time.

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Applicant(s) submit this statement in accordance with their duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56. This statement is filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c), after the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, but before the mailing date of either a final action or a Notice of Allowance.

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Applicant(s) respectfully requests that the documents cited herein be made of record in the normal manner and that such documents appear on the printed patent as being considered and made of record.

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